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Lenten Season, Hot Cross Buns are ripe

IN THE VALLEY OF THE MOON

The Missus got home from Valley hospital last Sunday — well ahead of the time usually required for a cataract operation. In good condition, but will be forced to take it easy and be very careful for several weeks. In the meantime we did a major dishwashing job, just once. No bedmaking. And discovered a very efficient way to handle the frying pans. Used one for beef products, the other for pork. Then they don't have to be washed often. (A neighbor asked what about dust or germs collecting. And what about eggs?) Eggs got boiled.

All some gals know about cooking is how to bring a guy to a boil. VALLEY JEWELERS, Boyes. Guaranteed watch repairs. Gifts.

Al Gordon and Babe Pinelli, co-chairman for the annual Fathers and Sons banquet, have some tentative dates set—late April or early May—and they're attempting to line up one of the nation's leading master of ceremonies and some noted figures from the sports world. Attendance reaches the capacity of Veterans' Memorial building, some 500 persons. The affair is sponsored by the various service clubs, the Lions club in actual charge this year.

LIONS CLUB — Tuesday at Palms Inn. Attendance getting better. Programs perking up. Come on out next week!

Fred Franklin was reelected president of the El Verano Improvement club at its February meeting, along with a full slate of assisting officers. The club meets the first Thursday of each month.

BROADWAY CAFE, Sonoma. Mendel Cader, manager. Serving luncheons, dinner—even will make you some hotcakes. Cozy-like!

No damage here from the heavy rains? Not too much, actually, but some. Across from the bath house, a huge pipe brings water to

Sonoma river, bolstered with tons of rock and concrete. This has all been undermined, and is breaking up fast. However, roads remained passable throughout the Valley, and just maybe the worst is over.

BATHHOUSE RESTAURANT, on the veranda. Merchants' light lunch. Giant Hamburgers, Farmerburgers. Finest food, low cost.

The other morning Dave Garroway interviewed a dozen or so spectators who gather each morning to watch his "Today" show. His question was whether the "recession" has personally affected them. Not a single person said he had been affected, nor did he know of anyone personally who had been hit. Sure, they'd all heard of the slump. How 'bout you?

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Serving daily from 12; Sunday, 5 to 10. Spanish foods. Pizza. Steaks. Seafood. Cocktail bar.

Kinda nice to see Richard "Slim" Wallace of Glen Ellen out and perking again, though not too vigorously yet. Slim's lost about 60 pounds, but he was a big feller to begin with; can drive around okay, though hasn't yet resumed his duties at the Glen Ellen Liquor store.

FOUR CORNERS CAFE, So. Broadway. Featuring Linguica, acclaimed by experts. 12 other varieties. Imported, domestic beer.

Wasn't that a dirty trick—to break into Denny's COG club and take over $100 which patrons had donated toward Hanna Center activities? The man should be strung up!

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. "Slim" Wallace. On Arnold Drive. Varied stock—wines, beer, whiskies, liquors.

Just heard that puncture vine has made its appearance in Sonoma county. It should be stamped out immediately and at any cost.

It's a pretty little vine, clings to the ground, spreads fast and has a little yellow flower, which develops into a sort of burr with sharp and tough thorns. These can puncture a tire, bedevil your dog, and don't help the cows either.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Home of draft beer, and the Stein Club. Harvey and Melina will serve you. Friendly atmosphere.

Read this somewhere recently: "Never be sorry you have to grow old. Many never have that privilege."

RICHFIELD SERVICE, main corner, Boyes. Best equipped station in the Valley. Bud Delaney, proprietor. S & H Stamps.

While we were some kind of a bachelor, help and offers of help kept rolling in. Had a splendid meal with next door neighbors; another couple assisted us in getting the missus home, prepared a good meal, then repeated next day with a sumptuous one. Even had a phone call from southern California asking us if $100 might help. Said "no"—but wasn't that mighty nice?

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Gardening equipment. Household appliances. Giftware. Paints. Tools. Glass.

It's Lenten time, and all devout Catholics observe it to the fullest. We even see signs of late years that many non-Catholics do a certain amount of observing, too. Well, heathen that we are, such observance never hurt anyone, and just maybe does a lot of good.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

Jack Boyle, former owner of Golden Bear club in Kenwood, is now on the job at Rustic inn, Glen Ellen, while Ruth Hendricks devotes most of her time to the Undercover Shop, next door. Jack's many friends now know where to find him. Which reminds us: Must get up to Golden Bear club and sell the new prop. an ad.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Center of town. Last of the original 11 taverns. Jack London liked the place. It's western!

The long campaign waged by Moonbeams to get Stassen out of his post as disarmament chief for President Ike finally got results. Stassen resigned. Goody! Next man on our list to get out of government is fuddy-duddy Dulles. Yes, there are more, but we're off to a good start.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

Four Corners cafe has added a new kind of pizza to its already long list. It's called Linguica, said by experts to be the very bestest. Don't know the ingredients, but think there's some Polish sausage mixed in it somewhere.

MISSION CHAPEL MORTUARY, Funeral Directors, Sonoma. James and Jack Bisso. Only home-owned and operated mortuary serving Sonoma Valley families. WE 8-3357.

With a touch of stomach jitters, eating little o' nothin' for at least a week, your editor got down to 209 pounds, expecting a further drop, too. That's a lot better than 222, don't you think? (And so do the physicians.)

CHEF CARDINI'S RESTAURANT, Glen Ellen. Fastidious in its meals, drinkables. Comfortable, luxurious. We cater anywhere.

Looks' like a diabolical conspiracy is at work. There is a long-winded notice of hearing on boundaries or something connected with the Valley of the Moon fire district. But where is this notice published? In a Sonoma newspaper, which is not in the fire district. Why wasn't this notice published in the Boyes Springs newspaper, Carson?

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Did you know that Mendel's cafe, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Provenzano on the Boyes plaza, is now open every day? It's great for Spanish dishes, pizzas, and absolutely marvelous steaks, chops and seafood. Why not make it for a Sunday feed-out?

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. John Merlo, prop. Complete menu, Italian foods a specialty. Friendly, western atmosphere.

THANK YOU! My heartfelt thanks to the surgeons who operated on my eye; to the nurses for their wonderful care; to the Lions club and the Denny Colemans for beautiful plants; to all my friends and neighbors for many kindnesses; to all those who sent cards and letters, and to those who inquired frequently as to my progress; to the Bluebirds, the Pink Ladies, the Boy Scouts, I am deeply grateful.

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LAZY R & T SHOP, 412 First St. East, Sonoma. Second Hand Variety Store—used tools, gifts, furniture. Machine saw filing.

Nearly a half hundred guests enjoyed a pizza party at the Loma Vista home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougall last Saturday night. Mrs. Manfred Bransten, mother of Mrs. McDougall, was up from San Francisco was up for the event, which was socially impressive. Mrs. Bransten is a frequent visitor in the Valley, and is well known in a large circle of local residents. The home was beautifully decorated, and the new swimming pool came in for plenty of attention.

PLAZA LIQUORS (next to B of A, Sonoma). Off-sale liquor, wine, beer, soft drinks. Party favors. Novelties. Exotic foods.

Perhaps it's best this item is separate from the above. Your erudite editor finally sat down to the piano, and nobody laughed. Had a little ball all to ourselves, defying those gathered around to stick us on any ditty written up to the last 10 years, and they didn't do it. Reminded us somewhat of the days of the golden age—say 1918 to 1933, when home parties were in their heyday.

PALMS INN, Verano. The Inskeeps your hosts. Home of the Lions. Excellent food, excellent drinks. Meet Carl, Jerry, Rene!

Closest call we ever had to a slippery highway accident was back when Michigan spent $50 million on a "super highway" system—all gravel roads. And loose, too. Not knowing how dangerous it was, we hit a stretch at a fast speed (maybe 35) and slithered around for a few car lengths trying to get straightened up. Never again.

But they pay little or no attention to just "slippery" pavements there. But when there's ice or snow or sleet or freezing rain on the pavement, watch 'em slow down!

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. Quality foods in all departments, and at lowest prices. Take-out beverages. One-stop market.

A dozen Lions were in Calistoga last week attending a zone meeting comprising clubs from Napa, Vallejo, Valley of the Moon and Calistoga. Next important item on the local program is a district speaking contest for high school students, to be held at Palms Inn March 4. It's also Ladies' night.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. Time-Ex watches. Soda fountain. A super drug store.

There are gin fizzes and gin fizzes—all good. But Phil Provenzano knows how to make a Ramos fizz, from a secret recipe for the drink originated in New Orleans. If you want something out of this world, try a Ramos.

PAUL'S OLD RANCHERO, Verano. Superior dinners, cocktails. Banquets a specialty. Music Saturdays—Paul and Buff.

Ed Reedy, Boyes Springs tax consultant, reminds us that it isn't too long till the deadline on income tax returns, and he suggests that everybody needing his type of service "get in touch" mighty soon. Ed probably can save you a lot of worry and work, and quite likely some money too.

LEE'S CHUCK WAGON, Sonoma highway. Prime ribs. Charcoal broiled steaks. Salad bar. Finest mixed drinks in western style.

About the first "musical" to be produced after Al Jolson's debut in sound movies, was "Broadway Melody," and at least three of its hit songs are still outstanding and still heard frequently. That was in about 1926. The hits: "Broadway Melody," "You Were Meant for Me" and "Wedding of the Painted Doll." You like?

JIM'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest quality meats, cut the way you like. Fresh poultry. Delicatessen dept.

Speaking of Broadway: Mendel Cader at the Broadway cafe in Sonoma reports growing patronage of his cozy new dining room, which has a wonderful chef, spendid food, and efficient and friendly service. Lunches and dinners are served every day.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Gathering place for sportsmen—fishermen, hunters, football and baseball fans. Congenial always.

While Moonbeams is wholeheartedly dedicated to the principle of incorporation for the Hot Springs area, we can hardly go along with one conception which seems important to many. Somebody has said the idea is to keep the community "rural."

Well, it isn't rural now; it's a hybrid. We're for going all out, growing and becoming "the" metropolis of this part of the Valley—which it actually is already. We'll never get much industry here, but when one considers that health, recreation and sports constitute an

industry, that's all we need. Only we should work at it more.

Let Sonoma remain rural and historical. The Springs is a go-getting community—or if it isn't it's time we get gong.

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Think this is one of Herb Caen's: Well, SOMEbody loves our siege of rainy weather. In its current bulletin, the S. F. Mycological society (devoted to mushroom hunting) gives damp and fervent thanks for "this glorious season. It is wonderful to have the encouraging conditions Mother Nature favored us with this year." Oh, go grow a toadstool!

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"My son-in-law wrote me about the cold weather in Michigan and said it had been zero there that day but was twice as cold the day before. How cold was it the day before? 'Course if it had been 2 above it would have been 2 below, but being zero gets me." Gets us, too*

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Finest food and drinkables, homelike atmosphere. Italian foods, too. Seafood.

Our private sign spotter reports seeing, on a real estate office: "We Want Lots." This surely is not news to most of us. Who doesn't?

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From a valued subscriber in Oakland, we reprint portions of an article about "tramp printers," which appeared in a Sacramento Union sports column:

The old-time "tramp printer," in whose calling Mark Twain was an illustrious prototype, vanished with the stovepipe hat.

But itinerant printers still roam the world, carrying their International Typographical union traveler card and "slipping up" for a spell of work when the situation arises.

Printing "tramps" of the present era are a far cry from their colorful predecessors who set type by hand out of wooden cases and, as an unofficial type of uniform wore the stovepipe hat off and on duty.

The present-day traveling printer follows the sun, touring in an elaborate trailer and often accompanied by wife and school-attending children. He's usually a cultured fellow, just as apt to be found in an art gallery when the shift is done. One, recently, scored big on a quiz show and with his winnings sailed for Europe.

The rules of his union give him a mobility dened to most of us and the traveling printer makes the most of it. Florida or Palm Springs in the winter, the Pacific Northwest or New England in the

summer. Frankly, it's an enticing life.

"Tramp printer" is hardly descriptive. Far from a hobo, this independent and nomadic fellow is by nature a roamer, but also an enterprising, self-sufficing craftsman.

He's a productive venturer, motivated in his movements by the same urge to look over the horizon which inspires the men of the sea.

And there's no doubt about it that he's encouraged in the wanderlust by his ITU, one of the oldest of all craft unions and wtih historic roots dating back to the Knights of Labor.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Noted for splendid cuisine, its excellent bar, luxurious accommodations. Pay us a visit—soon.

"The Oakland Tribune's "Knave" recently had an anecdote from Henry Kaiser Jr., who believes that working together, all of us will benefit. Here's his story:

A Hindu dreamed that he had died and was at a door marked "For the Damned." He opened the door and found himself in a vast room. Seated around a great table, laden with rich foods, sat hundreds of individuals. Each had one arm tied behind his chair. Each had a spoon with a 3-foot handled tied to his right arm. And all were starving—because it was impossible, with the spoons, to carry food to their mouths.

The Hindu hurried to another door carrying the legend: "For the Saved." In this room the guests also had an arm strapped behind their chairs, also had long-handled spoons fastened to their right arms. But here those seated about the heavy-laden table were well fed and happy.

Because—they'd learned to feed each other.

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STUDYING YEAR-ROUND COLLEGE — Pennsylvania State university has unveiled plans for a detailed study of the possibility oof holding classes throughout the year.

A spokesman said university officials believe year-round classes under various plans would provide a means of extending the college program and achieve greater efficiency in full-time use of plant facilities. President Dr. Eric Walker said that by the 1960 the university will face an enrollment situation much more serious than the influx of veterans following World war II.

"We already know that the changes we shall have to make will be far-reaching ones and will involve our class schedule, our catalog, our courses, our need for faculty and staff, our pay scales—in fact, every phase of our operations," Walker declared.

Most suggested year-round plans call for abandonment of the

present two-semester 32-week regular college course, which is supplemented—if the student desires—by summer courses. Varions plans call for dividing the year in quarters or thirds for school purposes.

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VALLEY OF THE MOON CLEANING PLANT, Hwy. 12, Boyes. Fast service. Free pickup. All work done on premises. WE 8-5830.

Women can never be as successful as men; they have no wives to advise them.

MIKE & ROSE'S MARKET, Boyes. Open Wed. to Sat. 10 to 6 except on Saturday, 9 to 7. Highest quality meats. Groceries.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. Finest food always. Try our Clown Room. Henry Goulette, manager.

A brilliant senator, somewhat given to overindulgence, was getting the best of another senator in a furious debate. In anger the abstemious senator said, "At least I am in possession of all my faculties."

He got this devastating reply, "And what difference could that possibly make?"

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Roadside turnout parks (we're 20 years behind) thruout the Valley.
A name for Highway 12 suitable for our new city.
A local chamber of commerce, devoted to Springs area promotion.
A bank of our own.
Solution of the water problem by building a series of dams on Sonoma river to conserve water, prevent floods, and for recreation.
Traffic and parking control in the entire area.
A bridge across Sonoma river, connecting Craig and Thompson.
Procuring of rural delivery and carrier service, from Boyes postoffice.
A suitable name for the area, preliminary to incorporation as a city.

Moonbeams is dedicated to the accomplishment of these aims. Maybe more will be added in the months to come. We can't do it ourselves, but with community cooperation they will be done!

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